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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to
Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 04/01/08 **AND ENDING** 03/31/2009
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

4315 BRIARGROVE LANE

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75287

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

ALAN LAWRENCE

972-535-8994

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT Whose opinion is contained in this Report*

HENDRICKS, GRAVES AND ASSOCIATES, LLP

(Name - If individual state last, first, middle name)

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DALLAS, TEXAS

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(City)

(State)

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CHECK ONE:

- ☒ **Certified Public Accountant**
☐ **Public Accountant**
☐ **Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions**

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- * Claim for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, ALAN LAWRENCE, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED as of MARCH 31, 2009, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has proprietary interest in any account solely as that of a customer, except as follows:


Signature


Notary Public



PRESIDENT
Title

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☒ (f) Statement of Change in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath of Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☒ (o) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 140.17a-5(e)(3).

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED
DALLAS, TEXAS**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of **FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED** as of March 31, 2009, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED** as of March 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Hendricks, Graves and Associates
Hendricks, Graves and Associates, LLP

May 18, 2009

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FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARCH 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 132,394
Commissions receivable	188
Deposit with clearing organization	<u>11,395</u>
	<u>\$ 143,977</u>

LIABILITY AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 500
Commissions payable	35,992
Accrued expenses	1,706
Federal income tax payable	<u>2,215</u>

Total current liabilities

\$ 40,413

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Common stock, 3,000 shares of \$.01 par value authorized and 989 shares issued and outstanding	10
Additional capital	15,435
Retained earnings	<u>88,119</u>

Total stockholder's equity

103,564

\$ 143,977

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

REVENUES:

Commissions	\$ 378,867
Other	<u>58,403</u>

Total revenues \$ 437,270

COSTS AND EXPENSES:

Compensation and related costs	266,629
Clearance costs	90,004
Professional services	7,853
Regulatory fees	8,175
Other operating expenses	<u>14,609</u>

Total costs and expenses 387,270

NET INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES 50,000

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES:

State franchise tax	(2,230)
Federal income tax	<u>7,500</u>

Total provision for income taxes 5,270

NET INCOME \$ 44,730

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>COMMON STOCK EARNINGS</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TOTAL</u>	<u>RETAINED</u>	
Balances at March 31, 2008	\$ 10	\$ 15,435	\$ 43,389	\$ 58,834
Net income	_____	_____	<u>44,730</u>	<u>44,730</u>
Balances at March 31, 2009	\$ <u>10</u>	\$ <u>15,435</u>	\$ <u>88,119</u>	\$ <u>103,564</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED

TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

Balance at March 31, 2007	\$	-0-
Increases		-0-
Decreases		<u>-0-</u>
Balance at March 31, 2009	\$	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net income \$ 44,730

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net
cash provided by operating activities:

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:

Decrease in commissions receivable	4,293
Increase in deposits with clearing organizations	(110)
Decrease in accounts payable	(1,953)
Increase in commission payable	31,655
Increase in accrued expenses	1,706
Decrease in income taxes payable	(1,048)
Decrease in franchise tax liability	<u>(2,230)</u>

Net cash provided by operating activities \$ 77,043

Cash at beginning of year 55,351

Cash at end of year \$ 132,394

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Income taxes paid \$ 8,548

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

A COMPANY:

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE INCORPORATED, incorporated in September 1990, is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and operates as a broker-dealer in securities. All customers' securities, funds and accounts are processed and carried by correspondent broker-dealers.

B SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- 1. Customers' Securities and Commodities** - Transactions are recorded on a settlement date basis with related commission income and expenses recorded on a trade date basis. Securities and commodities transactions of the Company are recorded on a trade date basis.
- 2. Cash** - The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash.
- 3. Securities** - Marketable securities are valued at market value and securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by the Board of Directors. The resulting difference between cost and market (or fair value) is included in income.
- 4. Income Taxes** - The Company incurs state franchise taxes, which are, in part, based on certain income and expense items, and the financial statements include a provision for the state tax effect of transactions reported in the financial statements.
- 5. Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

C. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The carrying amounts of assets in the balance sheet approximate fair value.

D. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At March 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$100,888 which was \$95,888 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .40 to 1.

E. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company has a leasing agreement with the sole shareholder for the use of office space. This leasing agreement requires the Company to pay the property taxes on the related property as rent. The property taxes were \$8,084 for the year ended March 31, 2009.

An officer of the Company provides monthly accounting services to the Company. This individual was paid \$6,000 in accounting fees during the year ended March 31, 2009.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED
DALLAS, TEXAS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED** as of and for the year ended March 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2009. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17A-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hendricks, Graves and Associates
Hendricks, Graves and Associates, LLP

May 18, 2009

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARCH 31, 2009

(See Independent Auditors' Report On Supplementary Information.)

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL:

Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital	\$ 103,564
Add:	
Other deductions or allowable credits	<u>- 0 -</u>
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	103,564
Deductions and/or charges:	
Non-Allowable assets	<u>- 0 -</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	103,564
Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to rule 15c3-1(f))	<u>2,676</u>
Net Capital	\$ <u>100,888</u>
Aggregated indebtedness	\$ <u>40,413</u>

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FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1****OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (CONTINUED)****MARCH 31, 2009****(See Independent Auditors' Report On Supplementary Information.)****COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:**

Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	\$ <u>2,696</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$ <u>5,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts)	\$ <u>5,000</u>
Net capital in excess of required minimum	\$ <u>95,888</u>
Excess net capital at 1000%	\$ <u>96,847</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.40 to 1</u>

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION:

Net capital, as reported in Company's Part II (Unaudited) Focus report	\$ 98,658
Audit adjustments	<u>2,230</u>
NET CAPITAL	\$ <u>100,888</u>

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARCH 31, 2009

(See Independent Auditors' Report On Supplementary Information.)

EXEMPTIVE PROVISIONS

The Company has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (k)(2)(ii), in which all customer transactions are cleared through other broker-dealers on a fully disclosed basis.

Company's clearing firm: SWS, Inc.

FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATION
DALLAS, TEXAS**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of **FIRST RESEARCH FINANCE, INCORPORATION**, for the year ended March 31, 2009, we considered its internal control, including control procedures for safe-guarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we had made a study of the practice and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
3. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customer as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at March 31, 2009, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the New York Stock Exchange and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and is not intended to be used by anyone other than these specific parties.

Hendricks, Graves and Associates

Hendricks, Graves and Associates, LLP

May 18, 2009